

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2022
GOVERNMENT CENTER
10:00 A.M.

<u>Board Members Present:</u> Greg Brown, Chair, MBC Planning and Zoning Ron Wildman, Citizen Commissioner Elaine Lucas Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs Henry Ficklin, MBC Executive Director of Community Affairs Molly Wilkins, Citizen Rachel Hollar Umana, Vice Chair, Bike Walk Macon <u>Board Members Absent:</u> Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO Lieutenant Scott Davis, BCSO Myrtle Habersham, AARP	<u>Others Present:</u> Janet Birmingham Parker, Admin. Assistant Adrianna Beavers, MBC Asst. County Attorney Kevin Poss, MBC Facilities Management Taylor Stickels, Middle GA Regional Commission Laura Corley, Mercer University CCJ Bob Dallas, Consultant via Zoom <u>Non-Members Absent:</u> Brandilyn Jackson, MBC Health Department Jimmee Smith, MBC Health Department
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Chairman Greg Brown called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Rob Ryals, Director, Facilities Maintenance, seconded of Nigel Floyd, MBC and carried unanimously, the May 17, 2022, minutes.

Policy and Legislation

Rachel Umana, Bike Walk Macon, updated the Board on Complete Streets were she and Greg Brown, MBC Planning and Zoning, gave a presentation with AARP. She spoke about the Complete Streets putting a committee together and they would need to meet quarterly. She requested information from Michael McNeill, MBC Senior County Attorney, as to how to move forward with the group. She stated on Thursday June 23, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Bike Walk Macon is giving a Mobility Makers Award were they will be presenting Macon Bibb County an award for passing the Complete Streets Policy.

Engineering

Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer, spoke of in road crosswalk warning lights as a new project of Macon-Bibb County. He talked about how the lights would work when a pedestrian approaches

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the crosswalk and the invasiveness of the project. Project quotes will be presented once the information has been received. Crosswalk warning lights are being discussed as another option to illuminate the crosswalks which will provide more visibility to drivers when pedestrians are crossing the street.

On motion of Dr. Henry Ficklin, MBC Director of Community Affairs, seconded of Commissioner Elaine Lucas, and carried unanimously the Pedestrian Safety Review Board will support the installation of state law signage at crosswalks were applicable.

Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer, stated the need to implement in road warning lights at Anthony Road near the Stadium and Montpelier Avenue as part of the five potential locations.

Enforcement

No report

Public Communication

Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs, discussed the bike and walking audit class done through zoom. She stated the deadline for walking audits will be June 30, 2022 and every Board member has to complete one walking audit. Request for outreach is coming in with a need for volunteers and a signup sheet. The website for Pedestrian Safety Review Board has been updated and new supplies have come in including shirts and shoelaces. Walking school bus will be a part of the upcoming school year. Crossing guards will receive new shirts and safety gear. The PSA went successful and was shared through the HUB by Chris Floore. The Safety Summit date to be determined.

Greg Brown mentioned on June 11, 2022 Family Fun Day was successful in reaching eighty people about safety.

Commissioner Lucas mentioned the feeding programs as another way to reach citizens about safety and giving out armbands.

Greg Brown said the Keep Macon Bibb Beautiful is partnering with a youth summer program and have requested armbands for the campers.

Interagency Coordination

Commissioner Lucas stated the Board of Health has reaffirmed their commitment to the goals and funding of the Pedestrian Safety Review Board.

Vision Zero

Bob Dallas, Consultant via Zoom, discussed the Safe Streets for All on the national scene and the funding opportunities for federal highways. One of the ways to submit a grant is through Georgia Department of Transportation or Metropolitan Planning Organization. The deadline is September 15, 2022 for the grant. When you submit a grant or what is called the Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) you need to plan and know will it be done individually or through a partner. Taylor Stickels, Middle Georgia Regional Commission, will be attending a webinar on the process of implementation grants. Charise Stephens stated the need to include Julie Moore,

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Budget and Strategic Planning as part of the grant process. Bob Dallas stated the Vision Zero Plan is a good document to put forward when applying for the grant. Lucas expressed the need for a meeting with Bob Dallas via Zoom to cover the process and steps to get the most out of the grant.

Adrianna Beavers, MBC Assistant County Attorney, stated the Commission would have to make a resolution authorizing the application and pre-accepting the funds.

Taylor Stickels will need an official letter from Dr. Henry Ficklin to have the Middle Georgia Regional Commission help the PSRB to become partners in the grant.

Bob Dallas discussed the MOU from GDOT has yet to be finished and awaiting the changes that need to be made. Further update will be given once the information is received.

Commissioner Lucas said there should be an ongoing educational component to remind citizens of safety and be aware of the laws.

Greg Brown stated Georgia's Governor Office of Highway Safety had their annual review with him and Sherita Sims Jones, Budget and Strategic Planning, were found in compliance from monthly reports and reauthorized for the next three years.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Future meetings will be held in 2022:

- July 19
- August 16
- September 20
- October 18
- November 15
- December 20.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Birmingham Parker

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Administrative Assistant

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